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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Withdrawn) A method for preparing a hair dermal papilla cell preparation comprising: providing a cell suspension by removing epidermal tissue from skin tissue and subjecting the resulting dermal tissue fraction to collagenase treatment, and cryopreserving the cell suspension to kill the follicular epidermal cells.
- 2. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 1, wherein the cryopreservation is carried out after adjusting the cell density of the cell suspension to 1×10^5 to 1×10^8 /ml.
- 3. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 1, wherein the cryopreservation is carried out at a temperature of -80°C or lower.
- 4. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 1, wherein the cryopreservation is carried out in liquid nitrogen.
- 5. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 1, wherein the cryopreservation is carried out for a period of 1 week or more.
 - 6. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 1, wherein the skin tissue is from a mouse.
 - 7. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 1, wherein the skin tissue is from a rat.
 - 8. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 1, wherein the skin tissue is from a human.
- 9. (Withdrawn) A composition for regenerating hair follicles comprising hair dermal papilla cell and epidermal cells; wherein, the ratio of the number of hair dermal papilla cell to the number of epidermal cells is from 1:10 to 10:1.